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November 14th 2023
 for the DEC. 2023 issue.

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We have room for more names.
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continued support of the
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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Anaheim recognized service groups in the city. Welcome to our three new nobles who were created at the Dual Ceremonial in Los Angeles. My thanks to Al Malaikah and their Potentate Scott Shaw for including El Bekal in their ceremonial after the hurricane tropical storm forced us to cancel our August ceremonial. All but



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Merritt Read
Potentate

As we reach November, all of us have many things to be thankful for. Good health, our families, our many friends in the Family of Freemasonry, and a busy El Bekal Shrine make our lives beneficial and joyful. Our Movie Night was fun for those that showed up and the movie was excellent. Our thanks to Rick & Yvonne Schade, Ron & Valerie Michal and Ernie and Maria Ramirez for their work to make the event so wonderful. Also thanks to "Popcorn Man" Russ Allen and Karl Sandhoff. On September 26th I was honored to represent El Bekal as the City of



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El Bekal Annual Meeting, Election, and Installation of Officers

IN AND OUT 2024

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6,

Being held at the El Bekal Shrine
1320 S. Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806

Annual Meeting, Program and Dinner
Honoring

Illustrious Sir Merritt Read and Lady Kim

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled ANNUAL MEETING of El Bekal Shrine will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the El Bekal Shrine. Commencing at:

2:00pm. Business to be conducted will include voting on all petitions received since our last Stated Meeting and adjustments to Shrine budget. Annual Elections and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

2024 Dues Cards required, wear your Fez. By-laws are available for inspection at the Shrine Center office.

Fraternally, Merritt Read P.P.
Potentate

Attest: Coy Love P.P.
Recorder

Schedule: 2:00pm Business Meeting, El Bekal Shrine Center,
2024 Dues Cards required.
4:00pm Potentates Hospitality, open to the general Nobility and their Ladies.
5:00pm Dinner for Nobles and their Ladies, Awards for 2023, Installation of 2024 Officers.

Attire: Nobles, for the evening & dinner, Tuxedo or Coat & Tie with Fez. Ladies, for the evening & dinner, Cocktail Dress or Formal. Pick up your tickets for seating reservations at El Bekal Shrine Center foyer.



Reservation Form for In & Out Dinner 2024 must be made by Monday January 1, 2024
Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Please reserve [_____] place(s) for the In & Out Dinner \$40.00 per person. \$ _____

Name: _____ Unit/Club affiliated: _____

Tel #:(_____) _____

Credit Card# _____ Exp.(_____) CVV(_____)

Send checks and this form to:
El Bekal Shrine
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806

CHIEF RABBAN MESSAGE



Greetings NOBLES and friends,

It is that time of year that we all take time to slowdown a bit and think about what we are thankful for. It's an act of giving thanks; an expression of gratitude, especially to God.

BRITANNICA Explains it like this;

Thanksgiving Day, annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. The American holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism,

and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. With respect to vehicular travel, the holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another. The holiday associated with Pilgrims and Native Americans has come to symbolize inter-cultural peace, America's opportunity for newcomers, and the sanctity of home and family.

Any way you see it and how ever you celebrate it, let us all be thankful for our Brother Nobles, there families, friends and the love and friendship we share together.

LETS TALK MEMBERSHIP:

I remember when I was raised a Master Mason, I was so excited and thrilled to be a part of something so grand and wonderful, to be around brothers that I can talk to, trust and would be there when I needed them. Then there was the 3 1/2^o and presentations, The Trowel, the Bible, A Lodge coffee cup, a book from Orange County Scottish Rite, then it was the Shriner's turn, I received the USA Flag I fly it every chance I get, then the Application to the Shrine and into the Tin Lizzy's of which was filled out immediately on the spot.

My TOP Line Signer was Don King and my Second line signer was Robert Schramm, both Tin Lizzies. My Oriental Guide was Coy Love P.P.. I am telling you all this because it was a very moving part in my life and changed the way I saw the world and cemented my ways as a Shriner.

My top line signer and second line signer stayed by my side and we became very good friends along with my Oriental Guide. You see back in the day the top line, 2nd line signers along with the OG called you and made sure you know what was going at the Shrine Center, invited you to all the functions and made sure you were there to play and meet all your soon to be Brother Nobles. The three of them would mentor and guide you, be at your Initiation ceremony and help you find a club or unit to join.

Let me ask you a simple question to all new and old Shiners, **DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR TOP LINE SIGNER WAS** or you 2nd line? Who was the OG that year? Did they help change you life?

We are losing this Tradition, We are inviting master masons to join the Shrine, signing their Petition and then not following through and making sure that they feel welcome or telling them what's going on around the center. We do not want to see these new Nobles fall by the wayside, we want to get them involved and be part of El Bekal Shrine and to let them know that they can call El Bekal Home.

If you have read this far then you know what you have to do now. Get out to your Blue lodge and make some new Nobles and stand by there side.

Larry Griffin P.P., CR

ASSISTANT RABBAN



Greetings Nobles!

Can you believe that it's November already?

As we enter the time of year of Thanksgiving, we at El Bekal have a lot to be thankful for.

For example, our membership continues to rise at a steady rate.

Nobles, let's keep this trend going upward. We have a fantastic opportunity ahead to keep the numbers going up. On November 5th,

there will be a Ceremonial.

The Divan continues to serve the Temple well. Planning for the upcoming year is well underway.

One thing that we all as Shrine Masons are thankful for is the wonderful work our Shrine Doctors and Medical Staff do for the Children in their care.

Let us continue the wonderful work that we as Shriners do, and enjoy all the opportunities for Fun and Fellowship that are available.

If you haven't, join a club or unit. If there is no club that interests you, talk to the Leadership, and we will make it happen.

Until then, have a Happy Thanksgiving! Sincerely & Fraternaly,
James Segerstrom Assistant Rabban

Noble's Pride

WHEN I LOOK AROUND AT MY LIFE IN THE SHRINE MANY THINGS I CHERISH
STAND OUT IN MY MIND.

HOSPITALS FOR THE CHILDREN THAT CAN'T RUN AND PLAY, BRING HOPE TO
THE FAMILIES, IN SO MANY WAYS.

A CRIPPLED OR BURNED CHILD GETS FIRST-RATE CARE, AND THERE'S NEVER A
CHARGE, FOR ANY CHILD THERE.

AND I'M PROUD OF OUR CIRCUS, THAT'S PART OF THE SHRINE, IT BRINGS OUT
THE CHILD, IN ALL OF OUR MINDS.

I'LL STAND WITH MY BROTHERS, AND SALUTE OUR FLAG, BE IT BRAND NEW, OR
TATTERED AND SAGGED.

'CAUSE ITS HEAVILY ENTWINED, IN OUR LODGE OF BLUE, IT STANDS FOR OUR
FREEDOM, AND THE RELIGION WE CHOOSE.

WE'RE FROM MANY BACKGROUNDS, AND DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES, BUT WE
NEVER STAND TALLER, WHEN WE STOOP TO HELP A CHILD.

YES, I'M PROUD TO BE A SHRINER, AND I LOVE THE PARADES, 'CAUSE
CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER, IS WHAT I GET PAID.

BEN R. STEEN COPYRIGHT 1995

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



Wow! We must've been having a lot of fun this year because time has certainly flown! I don't think I'll get accused of telling tales out of school by saying that this year started off a little tumultuously.

Unexpected changes around this time last year created a bit of uncertainty for 2023. I am proud of the way that both our Nobles and our leadership rallied to make this possibly one of the most fun years in recent memory. October marked a pretty busy parade schedule, the Chariots, and the Tin Lizzies hit the road for the Tustin Tiller & Placentia Heritage Day parades.

At this writing, we're also looking forward to ending our October with the Anaheim Halloween Parade. I assure you there will be pictures. (Natalie Jones and Tracy

Allen, I'm looking at you).

The Divan also traveled up to Los Angeles to assist with Al Malaikah's ceremonial and to also create three new El Bekal Nobles. We have one more ceremonial planned for this month and we are on track for positive growth for 2023!

As a new year quickly approaches, Nobel Michael Goren and his Lady Harriet are looking for brethren interested in starting a brand-new club for foodies.

food·ie

noun *INFORMAL*

1. a person with a particular interest in food

Speaking of food, since this is the month of Thanksgiving, I think it appropriate to offer my thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies who have provided me with their guidance and assistance as I have tried my best to fulfill the office of High Priest & Prophet.

Thank You All,
Keith Jones



1st CEREMONIAL MASTER



1st Ceremonial Master

Noble Edwin Calayag



Al Malaikah & El Bekal Twilight Ceremonial

The Ceremonial was held on September 30 2023 at Al Malaikah Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles California and three of our El Bekal Shrine candidate made as Nobles, they are Pio Coquia, Dale Guillermo and Nathaniel Luna, "Welcome to the Shrinedom"



EL BEKAL CEREMONIAL CLASS

Sunday, November 5, 2023,
at 9:30 AM
El Bekal Shrine Center
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806



A Ceremonial will be held at El Bekal Shrine. Please mark your calendars. Ladies are welcome. There will be a lunch, \$15.00 per person. Taco Guy. RSVP is required.

Robing: 9:30
Indoctrination: 10:15
Ceremonial: 11:00
Light lunch: 12:00
Fezzing: 1:00



For potential candidates who have not yet applied:

Please fill out application and include the fee of \$325

no later than October 30, 2023 so we can vote you in as a candidate.

Make checks and send to: El Bekal Shrine, 1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806

Name _____ amount \$ _____

Address _____

Credit card # _____

Ex Date: _____, CVV: _____, e-mail recorder@elbekalshrine.com

All proceeds are for the benefit of El Bekal Shrine and are not tax deductible



El Member # _____ Date: _____

**PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND INITIATION INTO EL BEKAL SHRINE
1320 So. Sanderson Ave. Anaheim, CA 92806 (714) 563-9111**

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of El Bekal Shriners International, situated in the Oasis of Anaheim, Desert of California. I the undersigned hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in

_____ Lodge No. _____ located
at _____

Furthermore, I do not now and never will hold membership in or allegiance to anybody claiming to be a Master Mason that has been declared clandestine; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of your Shrine, or unoccupied territory, not less than 6 months, as required by the bylaws of The Imperial Council and that I am not under suspension or expulsion in the prerequisite body to this Order, and respectfully pray that I may be made a member of your Shrine. If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the articles of Incorporation and the bylaws of the Imperial Council and the bylaws and Ceremonies of your Shrine.

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____ Res
Phone _____

Occupation _____ Bus
Phone _____
If retired, list former occupation _____

E-mail: _____ Wife's name _____

Have you previously applied for admission to this or any other Shrine Temple? _____ If so which
Shrine _____

When _____

Residence _____
Number & Street, City, State, Zip

Business _____
Number & Street, City, State, Zip

Mail
Address _____

Hat Size _____

Print name in full : _____

Signature _____

If elected the signing of this petition constitutes the signing of the bylaws of El Bekal Shrine and Shriners International Recommended and vouched for on the Honor of (both must sign and must be members of El Bekal Shrine).

Noble _____
Print name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

Noble _____
Print name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

Credit, Unit Club: _____

THIS PETITION CANNOT BE ACTED UPON UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FULL FEE OF \$325.00

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**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER
12, 2023
One Day Only**

It is that time of year for all DIVAN and Future Officers to get there photos done for the Directory and WebSite.

Please make appointment with Larry Griffin at LarryGriffin56@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

All Units and Clubs, please send me your leader's information for 2024 so we can put the Directory together for 2024





2023 EL BEKAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

Subject: Golf Tournament Postponed to 2024

Due to zero paid golf registrations turned in at the time our second deposit to the golf course was due, we have postponed the Golf Tournament until sometime in 2024. Larry Griffin approved this action and will select the new date.

*Derritt Read
Potentate*

We see this as a Opportunity for everyone to get your teams together and for us to work on improving the event for all to enjoy in 2024.

BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE

2250 E BIRCH STREET • BREA, CA 92821 •

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

KEITH JONES • (714) 206-6616 • KEITH-BYRON@SBCGLOBAL.NET
EL BEKAL SHRINE OFFICE • 714 563-9111

Fees for this tournament are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution

EL BEKAL CLAYBUSTERS TURKEY SHOOT!

Only 30 spots available! Sign up now!

The Claybusters Fundraiser

Turkey Shoot will be on November 19, 2023 @11 AM.
Come out and win a Turkey for the holidays!

2 rounds of Trap. A one time score enhancement
opportunity available for \$15.00.

Turkey prize for high score men &
women shooters.

\$50/shooter includes lunch. \$5.00/non-shooter lunch.

Reservations Required by Nov. 10

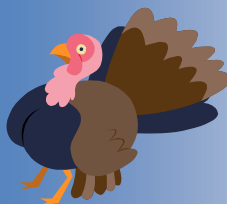
Call to reserve a spot to:

Bob Thomas 714-345-8092 mrrctjr@yahoo.com

Ted Segerstrom 714-329-9861 Gt500krcon@aol.com

Bring your favorite beach chair, your favorite old Betsy shotgun and some
ammo and plan to have some fun! Bring a new prospective member and
introduce him to our Masonic family!

*Prado Dam Olympic Shooting Park
17501 Pomona Rincon Rd
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SPOTS AVAILABLE!
HURRY AND SIGN UP!**



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🥖 Let's break bread 🥖

An Exciting New Shrine Club for Foodies

Are you passionate about trying out new culinary experiences? We have just the club for you! We're currently in the process of forming a brand new Shrine club that caters to foodies like you.



We need a minimum crew of ten Nobles who would like to embark on this thrilling new adventure.

for more information contact

Michael Goren
(949) 228-0811

ANAHEIM LODGE 207 INVITES YOU

**GOLDEN VETERAN
AWARD CEREMONY**

HONORING
WORSHIPFUL MERRITT READ, PM

NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AT

6:30 PM DINNER | 7:30 PM CEREMONY

303 W. LINCOLN AVE, ANAHEIM, CA 92805

\$15 PER PERSON PLEASE RSVP WITH THE FORM BELOW



Please RSVP by November 22, 2023.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door

Name _____ Guests _____ \$15 Per Guest
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Please include a check payable to Anaheim Lodge 207 and mail to
303 W. Lincoln Ave Suite 200, Anaheim CA, 92805

If you would like to pay with a Credit Card, please contact
WM Luciano Leon at 714-349-7705.

Christmas Toy Drive for our Kids at the Medical Center



We will be collecting unwrapped toys through November to present to the Medical Center at a date TBD in December. We can also accept money donations that we will turn into toys. Last day to donate is November 30.





Noble Edwin Calayag

Ambassadors Club



Placentia Heritage Festival 2023

On October 14 2023 The El Bekal Shrine of Anaheim participation of the said event is headed by Illustrious Merritt Read Potentate so long with the Divans and Shrine Officers.



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El Bekal
Legion of Honor
NEEDS YOU

Come out and Join
the men that carry
our Flag in parades
and Ceremony

We Need YOU...



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Serving
Shriners International



Who We Are

First we are all members of Shriners International and its network of Shriners Hospitals for Children Shriners International has 193 Shrine Temples throughout North America as well as Mexico, the Republic of Panama, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. Its philanthropy supports 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children which are located throughout the United States of America and in Canada and Mexico.

Many of our Shrine Temples have a uniformed unit of Legion of Honor Legion of Honor members are Shriners who have served or are still serving in the Armed Forces of the U. S. They are honorably discharged or retired, volunteer or draftee, officer or enlisted We are all proud to be doing or having done whatever our countries needed to keep our countries safe. It includes service in our country's Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines, or in their reserve component.





El Bekal Tin Lizzies October 7, 2023



The Tin Lizzies are back and parading again! This month of Oct. see's our unit in 3 big parades. Beginning with the first at the historic Tustin Tiller Days parade, in the city of Tustin. Capt. Rick had 6 Lizziers making noise and pleasing the crowds. After a delicious early morning breakfast at the local Denny's, we drove to our assigned unloading area and decorated our rides. After which we all drove to the staging area for El Bekal. Thanks to Russ Allen, we had a lot of room to assemble with the calliope with riders Pat Allen & Cheryl Griffin. The crowds were excited to see all the units of El Bekal with lots of praise coming our way. All 6 of the Tin Lizzies who started the parade finished on their own power. Those members were: Capt. Rick Schade, Treasurer Ron Michal, Secretary Ted Segerstrom, newbie Freddie Bon, Gene DeRaad, and Doug Highlen who drove in from Lake Arrowhead for the parade. Freddie had a stalling issue with his carburetor throughout the parade but managed to keep it going. Our next parade will be in Placentia and then comes the exciting night parade in Anaheim.



All gassed up, (in more ways than one) and ready to go.



The boys checking the map for the closest comfort station after breakfast from Denny's.





EL BEKAL SHRINE TIN LIZZIE UNIT

"Petition For Membership"

I am interested in becoming a member of the TIN LIZZIE UNIT of EL BEKAL SHRINE. I am a member in good standing of _____ Masonic Lodge, # _____, and a member of El Bekal Shrine. _____

PRINT FULL NAME _____

WIFE'S NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE _____

CELL PHONE WITH AREA CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER _____

Upon acceptance, I understand that I will owe a one time initiation fee of \$50.00 plus yearly dues of \$ 20.00 (not pro-rated) and will become an active regular member upon purchasing the first available car. I agree to be governed by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Unit.

Signed and Dated

Submit for consideration at our next business meeting on the
2nd Monday of each month at 7PM in the Shrine Oasis.

Recommended by: _____

CITY OF ANAHEIM HONORS SERVICE GROUPS



Long Beach Scottish Rite Official Visit



MASONIC GOLDEN VETERANS AWARDS

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LODGE #380



DUAL TEMPLE CEREMONIAL





Great support from
El Bekal Divan



New Noble
Nathanial
Luna being
fezzed by
Lito Soliven.



New Noble Dale
Guillermo being
fezzed by his wife
Whilza.



New Noble
Pio Coquia
being fezzed
by Edwin
Calayag

OCTOBER STATED MEETING



*2022 Shriner of the Year
Ernie Ramirez*



*2022 Legacy Award recipient
Norm Smith*



*2022 Legacy Award recipient
Dale Edwards*



*2022 Legacy Award recipient
Chuck Wilson*

OCTOBER STATED MEETING



25 Year Certificate recipient Richard Horn



25 Year Certificate recipient Brian Messenger



25 Year Certificate recipient John Kahwedjian, PP



50 Year Certificate recipient George Boyd, PP



50 Year Certificate recipient Dennis Davis



50 Year Certificate recipient William Salnaka, PP

Tustin Tiller Days Parade with the Royal Chariots, Fire Truck and Calliope.
(See the Tin Lizzie's article for their pictures.)



Shrine-Masons

While not all Masons are Shriners, all Shriners are Masons. Therefore, a man must become a Master Mason before he becomes a Shriner.

In 1870, a group of Masons met regularly for lunch at the Knickerbocker Cottage in New York City, and discussed the idea of forming a new fraternity for Masons, based on the fundamentals of Masonry, but with the added elements of fun and fellowship. From these discussions, Dr. Walter Fleming, a prominent physician, and Billy Florence, a famous actor, founded the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.), now Shriners International, in 1872.

Fun fact: A.A.O.N.M.S. is an anagram for “A MASON.”

Building Brotherhood Through Having Fun

Founded in 1872, the organization now known as Shriners International was established as a Masonic fraternity that showcased fun and fellowship for its members. The tradition of fun and fellowship thrives today; as interests have changed through the years, Shriners’ approach to fun has evolved as new members bring in fresh perspectives and creative ideas.

The possibilities for having fun as a Shriner are endless, and it is often said our members are “first to fun.” Our local Shrine Centers around the world have thousands of activity-based clubs, units and events that provide ways for members to connect with each other in a fun environment. A unique aspect of our local chapters is that creativity is encouraged, and if a club for a particular activity doesn’t exist, members are empowered to create one. Shrine Centers also provide coaching, financial support and resources to help members develop their ideas and build their own member experience.

In today’s busy world defined by demanding careers, family responsibilities and social obligations, men have many diversions vying for their time. While other organizations offer membership centered around one hobby or interest, it isn’t always practical or affordable to join multiple groups. However, as a Shriner, a man can be involved in as much or as little as he chooses. For example, a member can be part of a hiking club, motorcycle unit or professional development club; attend golf outings, wine tastings and participate in events with his family – all within one organization. And, he can do all of these things while spending time with a group of fun, trustworthy, supportive friends and their families.

The members of Shriners International share common values and qualities, but the fraternity also appreciates their differences in personalities, backgrounds and interests. The organization thrives on a variety of member experiences. For example, everyone enjoys breaking bread with friends, whether you prefer to attend a formal dinner party or spend a casual evening participating in a local food tour, both options are available to you through your Shrine Center. Below is list of some of our clubs and units. Members are encouraged to join as many as they would like, or even start one of their own.

A Purpose-driven Fraternity – Membership with a Meaningful Impact

The fraternity established Shriners Children’s as its official philanthropy in 1922 and continues to support it today. It is now one of the largest pediatric sub-specialty healthcare systems in the world, with locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In addition, the healthcare system holds hundreds of outreach clinics annually, with medical staff members routinely traveling to places around the world to provide pediatric medical care. The staff of Shriners Children’s is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research and offering outstanding educational programs for medical professionals.

Credit: Shriners International Web Fez. <https://webfez.shrinenet.org>

LADY KIM'S AVOCADO CRANBERRY BANANA WALNUT PECAN CRUNCH BREAD

I had several people ask me to publish this in the El Bekalan and this is a recipe that I made up of three different recipes. Added avocado keeps this bread super moist. It's the best banana bread I've ever eaten, so enjoy.



bread-Kim's Avocado Cranberry Banana Walnut Pecan crunch Bread

Category: Recipes • Bread

Type: bread-

Recipe: Kim's Avocado Cranberry Banana Walnut Pecan crunch Bread

Description: Taste like banana nut bread, the avocado makes it more moist longer

Servings: 2 Loafs

Prep time: 20

Rest time:

Cook time: 1:05

Total time: 125

Ingredients: •

2 Cups sugar

- ¼ cup margarine or butter
- 1 Cup mashed avocados approximately 2
- 1 ½ cup ripe banana mashed approximately 3 bananas
- 3 whole eggs
- ¾ cup milk or buttermilk
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon allspice and cinnamon mixed
- 1 ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 2 ¾s cup flour
- ¾ cup dried cranberries or raisins
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts
- Pecan crunch TOPPINGS:
- 1 Cup chopped pecans
- 4 tablespoons heaping Brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter softened (1/2 stick)
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 2 dashes ground cinnamon

instructions: Cream sugar, margarine, with mixer than mashed avocados and bananas than milk and eggs. Then add salt, spices, baking soda, and then flour then fold in cranberries chopped nuts. Topping: mix pecans, brown sugar, flour, butter and cinnamon mix put on top and bottom of banana loaf before baking. Spray, Pam and loaf pans. Sprinkle half of the topping in each loaf pan. Pour batter into 2 loaf pans put the rest of topping on top. bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 5 minute test with toothpick. These freeze well. Makes two loaves.

notes: 1. Note can substitute 1/2 cup Shields date crystals dehydrated instead of avocado
Notes: You can get dates from Shields is 80-225 Highway 111 Indio 92201 the telephone number is 1-800-414-2555 buy them by the 5 pound container have them shipped to yourself they usually last 3 to 4 years they do not need to be refrigerated great for cookies. I freeze mashed avocados in one cup containers add a bit of lemon juice on top for preserving. I have kept frozen and avocados up to one year and can see no difference in bread. Agnes recipe from the lodge she received recipe from date farm Recipe has been changed by Kim Read cell 714-299-3573
2. To make pumpkin crunch bread take away bananas and avocado add 2 cups of pumpkin

Nutrition:

From: Kim Read

Rating: ★★★★★

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From the Editors Desk

Greetings Nobles one and all,

We are looking for articles to put into the El Bekalan for you all to read and enjoy.

This is a great place for you, Your Club, or Unit to say what is going on in your group. Nomads, tell us about your latest road trip, Royal Chariots, Tin Lizzie's and other units tell us about the latest parades and or what you're up to around town, Purveyors tell us how to make your favorite cocktails or lounge snacks, Director Staff tell us what is going on around the building, the calliope and the fire truck.

Is there anyone that can give us a report about what's going on with our hospitals and clinics?

Nobles, tell us what you've been up to, how to cook the perfect steak, how do you make a nice Hearty stew for cold weather, what are some of your hobbies such as gardening or cars or airplanes.

Do you have any Shrine or masonic Education you would like to pass on, and tell us about?

What is going on with our other groups such as York Rite, Scottish Rite, or our Youth Groups, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow, our Ladies Groups, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, Order of Eastern Star.

There's pages with lots of pictures, why can't someone write an article about what's going on at those events and in the photographs, did you have fun? What was the food like? Was there entertainment?

Please send it in to the editor for consideration to be put into the Elbekalan. Thank you

Directors Staff is looking for Drivers

The Directors Staff is looking for assistant drivers for the Calliope. I am the Director of Units, and we need assistance drivers to learn how to drive the Calliope in the Parades. You will be trained on how to operate the Calliope and how handle the parade unit. You will need a clean driving record and need to be agile to get up to the driver's position. If you are interested, please contact Russ Allen, Director of Units and President of Directors Staff. We currently participate in 6 parades each year. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Russ Allen,
Director of Units 714-397-0449

Sports Keep Nobles, Patients in the Game

SIGNATURE EVENTS THRILL SPECTATORS
WHILE SUPPORTING THE PHILANTHROPY



The **East-West Shrine Bowl**, a 98-year-old annual college football all-star tradition, took place in February in Las Vegas, Nevada, as part of the NFL's Pro Bowl Week. The game, which was broadcast live on NFL Network, has produced more than 500 NFL Pro Bowl appearances over the years. This year, a record number of 72 players were invited to this year's NFL Combine. With its tagline "More than just a game," the East-West Shrine Bowl is also about recognizing Shriners Children's patients and telling the story of the amazing care available at our healthcare system.



Patients had a dedicated VIP area near the end zone, where they were able to meet NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. Kechi, a past Shriners Children's patient and *America's Got Talent* finalist, sang the national anthem, and patients were featured in the pregame run-out video. For the first time ever, two NFL coaching staffs, the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons, coached the players during the East-West Shrine Bowl as part of the Pro Bowl Games week. The coaches and players, who were impressed with the opportunity to learn about and support Shriners Children's, participated in a "Watch Me Challenge" media event, in which they underwent physical challenges similar to what Shriners Children's patients face daily.



Attention all nobles! Get ready for great golf for a great cause at the **Shriners Children's Open**. This high-stakes tournament brings together top PGA TOUR golfers from around the world to compete for over \$7 million in prizes, all in support of Shriners Children's. Patient ambassadors from around the healthcare system will be there to act as standard-bearers, and our National Patient Ambassadors will represent the many children who have received Shriners Children's life-changing care. But the Shriners Children's Open isn't just for golf enthusiasts – it's an opportunity for all of us to get involved and show our support for this incredible organization. Shriners across the country are encouraged to volunteer, attend the tournament, or organize watch parties to cheer on the golfers and help raise funds for our philanthropy.



The 23rd annual **Shriners Children's College Classic** not only showcased top college baseball teams, but also provided a special experience for patients. Held in March at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas, the tournament drew a crowd of 34,243. All six schools hosted patients



on campus and had them serve as honorary team captains. Patients were recognized on the field during games, had pre-game interactions with the teams, and even threw the first pitch out at each game.

Special moments included National Patient Ambassadors Parker and Katherine joining the Astros fan and experience team and announcing each batter, and sports-journalist-in-training Alec interviewing coaches. Kaden, the Texas Tech captain, and Adison, the Texas A&M captain, were invited to hang out with the teams in the dugout on Sunday, a game that ended up running for 16 innings. The event raised funds for the philanthropy, including a donation of \$130,000 from Karem Shriners, and Shriners volunteers were on hand to help out. Louisville was named the Tournament Champion, going 3-0 with wins over ranked opponents Texas A&M and TCU.



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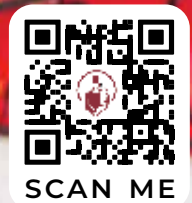
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Thank you

Russ Allen,
Director of Units 714-397-0449



WELCOME



NEW NOBLES



**INVITE THEM TO
JOIN YOUR
UNIT OR CLUB**





Hi Nobles,

South Coast Shrine Club is a group of friendly Shrine Masons, Ladies, Honored Ladies and friends from a number of jurisdictions who enjoy each other's company, good food, fellowship and our dedication to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Club has been in operation since 1954. We presently meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Coco's, at Lake Forest Drive & Via Carlotta in Laguna Hills, just off I-5 at 1:00 pm for our "chat & chew" luncheons. The location is convenient, the food and service good and the fellowship warm and friendly.

We extend an open invitation to visit our Club. We welcome the opportunity to extend to you the hand of Shrine Fellowship and show you why South Coast Shrine Club is indeed, "The Host of the Coast".

If you have any questions, or need further information or directions, please feel free to contact us at 949/584-9716, or Scshrine455@charter.net, via e-mail. We'd be glad to see you. Please know that you're always welcome at South Coast Shrine Club.

Fraternally,
Chuck Wilson, Bulletin Editor



Hi Noble, looking for a place for lunch? May we suggest Valencia Shrine Club?

If you're looking for a place to connect with fellow Nobles of El Bekal and Shriners International, look no further than Valencia Shrine Club. We meet every Thursday for lunch and social communication, otherwise referred to in some places as 'Lies, exaggerations & old war stories'.

We gather at the Garden Grove Elks Club on Trask & Newhope in Garden Grove every Thursday for an 11:30 Social time followed by lunch, ordered from the menu, and fellowship with Brother Nobles and guests. Many of our Ladies enjoy lunching together as well, so they're also invited.

So, stop by for a visit. No reservation required, we just love company, especially Nobles.

Fraternally,
The Nobles of Valencia Shrine Club

Orange County Nobelettes

Ladies,

Would you like to meet with other Ladies in a social group for Ladies only?




If so, please consider joining the Orange County Nobelettes. The Nobelettes are a social group that raises money for the Shrine Medical Center in Pasadena.

They meet on the second Friday of the month, except for July and August, at 11:30 am.

Where you ask? At the Coco's Restaurant, 1250 E Imperial Hwy Brea, CA 92821.

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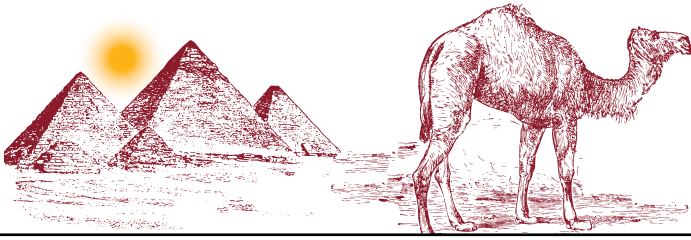
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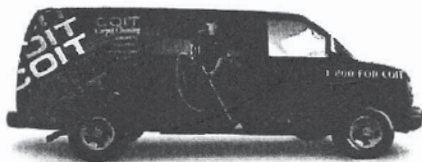
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for this morning.**

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this morning had plans for
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may not have that
chance again.**

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* Fred Gutierrez (Marie)	1990
* Robert Lash (Donna)	1991
* Donald A. Nielsen (Sally)	1994
* Don Eyer (Joan)	1998
* Joe Pendergast	1999
* Ken Jahr (Nancy)	2000
David P. Suehs (Jo Anne)	2004
Donald K. Sorsabal	2005
Ron Schemm, MD (Barbara)	2006
William Salpaka (Virginia)	2007
* William "Bill" Roland (Kay)	2008
Coy Love (Margaret)	2009
* Gary Hooper (Sharon)	2010
John Rider (Barbara)	2011
* Bill Sizemore (Lynda)	2012
George R. Boyd (Mary)	2013
Roger Ross (Lynn)	2014
John Kahvedjian (Rosie)	2015
Donald A. Leger (Gloria)	2016
Carl G. Spalin (Fran)	2017
Larry Griffin (Cheryl)	2018
Mike Selix (Michelle)	2019
Merritt Read (Kimberly)	2020
Michael J Sekera (Abeer)	2021
Albert Turek (Rhea)	2022
Associate Past Potentate	
*Hans Lindquist, Nile (Priscilla)	1998

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EL BEKAL STATED MEETING

Saturday, January 6, 2024
Meeting & Election of Officers: 2:00 pm
Hospitality: 4:00 pm
Dinner: 5:30 pm

Installation following Dinner

Reservations by Monday January 1, 2024
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

No Dinners will be sold at the door

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting and Elections of Officers of El Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, 2:00 pm at El Bekal Shrine Center. Business to be conducted will include voting on petitions received since our last stated meeting Elections of Officers and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

YOUR FEZ & 2024 DUES CARD REQUIRED FOR MEETING

Fraternally,
Ill. Sir Merritt Read, Potentate

Attest,
Coy Love, P.P., Recorder